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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Jennifer Schroder, Parks and Community Services Director
Date: July 9, 2012
Subject: Resolution Calling for Special Election for Parks Levy

RECOMMENDATION

City Council adopts the attached resolution calling for a special election to be held in conjunction with the November 6, 2012 general election for the purpose of placing a parks levy increase on the ballot.

BACKGROUND

Two actions are needed by Council to finalize the proposed parks levy. In addition to the ordinance placing the levy on the ballot, the City Council must also adopt a resolution calling for a special election for the purpose of placing the levy on the ballot.

RESOLUTION R-4931

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING ON THE BALLOT A PROPOSITION FOR A PARK LEVY RATE INCREASE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Kirkland has established a program to identify park and open space facilities needing routine and periodic restoration, renovation and replacement, including waterfront docks and shorelines, restrooms, landscaping, urban forests and wetlands, irrigation and drainage systems, trails and pathways, playfields, playgrounds, and other park amenities; and

WHEREAS, since 2008 the City has been unable to provide the necessary funding to adequately maintain, operate, and renovate its system of parks and open spaces to City standards; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Kirkland has determined the best interests of the inhabitants of the City require the City to operate and maintain its parks and recreation areas to City standards and further to acquire, expand and enhance its park, recreation area and open space; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain and operate parks and recreation areas to City standards, and implement parks, recreation and open space capital goals the City is in need of additional funds to supplement City funds; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined to fund all or a portion of the cost of park and open space maintenance and capital improvements with a permanent levy lift to be placed before the voters of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined to call for a special election to be held in conjunction with the general election on November 6, 2012, and to submit to the qualified electors of the City the proposition for a park levy rate increase as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby calls for a special election to be held in conjunction with the general election on November 6, 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City of Kirkland a proposition authorizing an increase to the City's regular property tax levy and the City's property tax levy base of \$.16 per

\$1,000 of assessed valuation in order to pay costs of maintenance and operations and to fund the acquisition of parkland and open space.

Section 2. The Ballot title shall read as follows:

CITY OF KIRKLAND
PROPOSITION NO. 2

LEVY FOR CITY PARKS MAINTENANCE, RESTORATION AND
ENHANCEMENT

The Kirkland City Council adopted Ordinance No. 4365 concerning a proposition for a park levy rate increase. To restore and enhance funding for park maintenance and beach lifeguards, to maintain, renovate, and enhance docks, park facilities, trails and playfields and to acquire parkland and open space, the City's regular property tax levy base shall be increased permanently by \$.16 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection beginning in 2013 and such amount shall be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies provided under RCW ch. 84.55. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED?

REJECTED?

Section 3. The City Clerk shall file a certified copy of this Resolution with the King County Council and the King County Elections Director.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this ____ day of _____, 2012.

Signed in authentication thereof this ____ day of _____, 2012.

MAYOR

Attest:

City Clerk